

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 1-12 during prosecution of this patent application. Applicants are not conceding in this patent application that said canceled claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, since the claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of this patent application. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue said canceled claims, and other claims, in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over World Publication No. WO 96/13814 to Vazvan in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0119478 to Nagy et al.

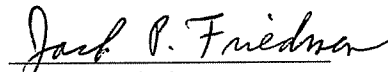
The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over World Publication No. WO 96/13814 to Vazvan and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0119478 to Nagy et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0187795 to Lee et al.

Since claim 1-6 have been canceled, the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0457 (IBM).

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